

The Irma Times

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*Because it is the Christmas Season and
because we want to wish every happiness
to our friends, we send our Holiday Greetings.
For their kind thoughts and loyal support—
for the many courtesies and hearty
cooperation given to us this past year,
we offer our sincerest thanks.
So, here's an old greeting
that's ever new—*

*A Merry Christmas and
A Happy New Year, too!*

The Irma Times Staff

Korean War Foretold In 1,000-Year-Old Book

(By Jerry Klein, CPC Correspondent)

Now that U.N. armies are pushing the North Koreans back, it is recalled that 1,000 years ago a mysterious Korean prophet named Chung Kam predicted it would happen. In a list of prophecies called The Book of Chung, handed down through the centuries, Koreans of 1950 have found Chung said things which they interpret as a prediction of the present conflict.

Some of them say he not only foretold the war, but even some of the battles. Among these are the battles which have taken place at Chunchon, Wonsu and along the Imjinong river. They who believe in the accuracy of Chung's predictions don't worry about their country's being soon liberated because the old soothsayer said that although the intruders would bring trouble to Korea, their forces would never conquer it.

Even, admitting that the Reds might interpret the "intruder" forces as being those of the U.N., it's still amazing that Chung could look 10 centuries into the future and predict specific battles, as well as the eventual freeing of Korea.

In the past, several prophets have concentrated on predicting military events, although few dared look so far ahead as Chung. Now that his prophecies are substantiated by fact, he takes his place at their side.

Chung may stand at the right hand of Michel de Nostradamus, the French monk-physician who gave details of World War II although he died 400 years before it began.

In 1555 Nostradamus began writing the series of verses in which he described, among other things then yet to be, the Great Fire of London and the American Civil War. But Nostradamus really hit his prophetic stride in foretelling details of World War II.

He said that in Germany a tyrant would rise to power whose name would be "Hitler" or "Hister", and he gave a physical description of the future Italian ruler which would fit only Mussolini.

Nostradamus told how Germany would start war with her neighbors and send "metal birds" to invade Poland, the Low Countries and France. These birds apparently are airplanes since the French oracle said they'd carry "fighting men".

He said that "Those in the Isles" would be "a long time besieged by machinations of tyrants" a statement which is said to prophesy the great fire-bombings of England in 1940 and the later V-1 and V-2 rocket raids.

However, Nostradamus wrote, the English would "recover vigor against their enemies" and eventually turn defeat into victory.

Students of Nostradamus' writings say he foretold the birth and death of the League of Nations, the outbreak of World War I, the fall of France, and the late entrance of Italy into the war started by "Hitler".

He also referred to Germany's defeat largely through the efforts of "a daughter of England" who would "establish unity and justice..." The "daughter" is said to be the United States.

Prediction of the submarine is also credited to Nostradamus. He foretold a "metal fish with an eye on a stick," which is said to be the modern submarine.

Apparently, even a Seventh Century French nun foresaw World War II. Saint Odile, the daughter of a nobleman, prophesied the time would come "when Germany will be called the most warlike nation of the world."

She, too, apparently had some inkling of the rise of Hitler for she wrote that "from her (Germany) shall rise the terrible warmaker who will bring about a world war."

Like Nostradamus, an Eighteenth Century Polish soothsayer, named Vernyhora, foresaw the German invasion of Poland during World War II. In 1788 Vernyhora predicted that when the German eagle flew eastward it would return with a broken wing.

Perhaps the most far-sighted and detailed prophet in the history of

man is the great Pyramid of Khufu on the Egyptian Nile.

Those who believe it foretells man's fate refer to the Bible's statement that God "set signs and wonders in the land of Egypt."

They say the huge pyramid, the base of which covers 12 acres, is a key to all man's destinies. The length and shape of its interior passageways are said to have predicted worldly events from the Hebrew exodus from Egypt, to the spread of Christianity, the industrial and political revolutions, and the world wars.

The great pyramid doesn't make vague prophecies, either, but pins its predictions right down to the very day.

Some 5,000 years ago, for example, its builders decided the pyramid would foretell the end of the world on either Sept. 15, 1953, or Sept. 17, 2001. Take your choice.



CHUNG KAM
—Central Press Canadian.

Believe British Girls Useful On Prairie Farms

WINNIPEG.—Miss Beatrice Bridgen, president of the Winnipeg Council of Women, said she doesn't see any reason why British land army girls "shouldn't be as useful as a man" on prairie farms.

A London report said Canadian immigration officials are trying to interest the British farm girls in coming to Canada to work.

"They could do combining as well as any man," said Miss Bridgen. "So long as women, I know, do. Whether woman's strength could stand up to the size of prairie farms I'm not prepared to say."

Another view was expressed by H. Richardson of Manitoba's Farm Help Service who said there is no place for women farm workers in the province "because of the highly-mechanized type of work."

It can be seen no reason why we can't absorb a number of the British land army girls, although not too many," she said. "They might bring new techniques, careful and painstaking methods which Manitoba farmers are not too familiar."

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First "OBSERVER'S MATES" IN THE CANADIAN NAVY — Six able seamen at the Royal Canadian Naval air station at Dartmouth, N.S., officially embarked on a new career in the air branch when they received wings qualifying them as "observer's mates". Each will be the third man in the air branch in the R.C.N. anti-sub carrier plane. They are the first class to qualify. At ceremonial parade, (above), they are drawn up prior to the presentation. Left to right are: William D. Hunter, Watrous, Sask.; Harry Sully, Mount Forest, Ont.; Robert L. Rogers, Westboro, Ottawa; William A. Harnell, Three Rivers, Que.; Douglas Carr, Chesterville, Ont., and Douglas S. Moffatt, Montreal. —Central Press Canadian.

SPORT

Where The Players Come From

Approximately 85 per cent of the 112 players in the National Hockey League this season were born in either the Province of Ontario, or the Prairie Provinces of Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta. Exactly 93 of the 112 players were born in these fertile hockey territories.

No less than 46 National Leaguers were born in Ontario. This is twice as many as were born in Saskatchewan which rates second with 23 native sons performing in hockey's major league. Manitoba is third in producing puck chasers with 18 and is followed by Quebec with 15.

Alberta has contributed six players to the N.H.L. and Nova Scotia one. British Columbia, New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island and Canada's newest province, Newfoundland, do not have a single representative in the National Hockey League this season.

Five players were born outside of Canada. Two of these were born in the United States, while one was born in Scotland, one in Ireland and one in Finland.

Looking over the rosters of the different teams it is found that Boston Bruins are almost an entirely eastern club. Fourteen of the 18 members of the Bruins were born in Ontario. Two were born in Saskatchewan and two in Manitoba.

New York Rangers, on the other hand, are composed for the most part of westerners. Twelve of the 19 players on the Rangers this year were born in the three Prairie Provinces. Saskatchewan tops the list with six, Manitoba has four and Alberta two. Three come from Ontario, three from Quebec and one from Finland.

Quebec heads the list as far as raising players for the Montreal Canadiens. Nineteen of the 19 players on the Habs roster this season were born in Quebec, four in Ontario, one in Nova Scotia and the balance in the middle west.

Chicago Black Hawks, like the New York Rangers, have a strong western flavor to their squad. Ten of the 18 Black Hawks were born in the Prairie Provinces. Six players were born in Ontario, while one is from the U.S.A. and one from Scotland.

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ODDITIES IN THE NEWS

Murray, Frank and Arnold Rainforth, of Stewiack, N.S., found a batch of pussy willows, dandelions and buttercups blooming in a field near here as November opened. The plants were as fresh as in the spring.

A debtor at the Ilesstone, Derbyshire, England, county court, said to owe \$3,000 (\$3,500), was ordered to pay \$1 a month. It would take 250 years to discharge the debt.

Five hundred employees of the Charlotte, N.C., Queen City Coach Company held their annual Christmas party recently. Bus business booms so at Christmas that no one has time to enjoy himself, an official explained.

Charles Anderson, of Teniskaming, Ont., hooked his horn when his car approached a moose on the highway but the animal took a stance in the centre of the road. Anderson slammed on the brakes and went in the ditch while the moose ambled into the bush.

Memphis, Tenn.—When wind blew H. V. Spencer's new Panama hat out of the car window, he stopped and searched the roadside in vain for several minutes. Arriving home, he walked to the rear of the car and found the hat hanging from the rear bumper.

GEMS OF THOUGHT

WORDS
Language is the only instrument of science, and words are but the signs of ideas.—Samuel Johnson.

Words are not always the auxiliaries of Truth. The spirit, and not the letter, performs the vital functions of Truth and Love.—Mary Baker Eddy.

The deepest truths are best read between the lines and for the most part, refuse to be written.—A. Bronson Alcott.

Among the sources of those innumerable calamities which from age to age have overwhelmed mankind, may be reckoned as one of the principal, the abuse of words.—George Horne.

Without knowing the force of words, it is impossible to know men.—Confucius.

Think all you speak; but speak not all you think; Thoughts are your own; your words are so no more.—Henry DeLaune.

Smile Of The Week

A worried looking man walked into a florist's shop and asked for three geraniums.

"I'm sorry," said the clerk. "We're out of geraniums just now, but we have some nice potted chrysanthemums."

"No, they won't do," replied the man. "I promised my wife I'd water her geraniums while she was away."

Think Right—Eat Right—Live Right

Barley Champion Grower Had Poor Crop This Year

SASKATOON, Sask.—Albert Kessel, who won a world championship at the Toronto royal with barley grown on his farm at Valley Centre, Sask., had a "poor crop" year. His main crops were badly hit by August frosts.

Kessel, whose farm is 16 miles south of Biggar, is a veteran of the First World War who came to Canada from Chicago in 1911. His farm is used as a district research station for the Searle Elevator Co., and he also does some research work for the federal experimental farm at Morden, Man.

A bachelor who likes to chew garlic, he spends long hours sorting out grain for show purposes, threshing the ground out meticulously by hand to avoid damage to the kernels.

Kessel was in Saskatoon en route to Toronto. He said his entries at the fair this year are exceptionally good and he thought he had some winning samples. He also won the flax crown and the reserve championship in the rye class. He thought his rye better than that of any other grower in the province last year.

He insists Valley Centre is his home and does not like reference to his farm "at Rosetown". He says Biggar is his "trading centre, not Rosetown."

Warn Canadians Their Citizenship May Be Lost

OTTAWA.—Canadians were warned by the government that they are liable to loss of their citizenship if they acquire citizenship in a foreign country while in Canada.

The action was interpreted as a counter-move to pressure from several European nations to have natives of those countries renew their citizenship in them after becoming Canadian citizens.

A statement from the Citizenship Department drew attention to an amendment to the Citizenship Act adopted last July, under which the government may wipe out the Canadian citizenship of those who voluntarily take up foreign citizenship while in this country, except through marriage.

Previously, Canadian citizenship was cancelled only when a Canadian adopted foreign citizenship while outside this country.

Aim of the measure, officials said, was to make it clear to foreign-born Canadian citizens that they cannot be Canadians and citizens of another country at the same time.

FIRST AID TRAINING

BELMONT, Man.—Dr. W. Sharnan is training local high school students in the principles of first aid. Two groups of boys have been organized. The "Tryto" group is for younger boys and the older boys belong to the "Trail Rangers". Twenty-nine boys attended the first meeting.

More than 32 million acres of public land, and over half of the total area of Oregon, are under the control of the federal government, including 13 national forests, two national park service areas and extensive grazing acreages.

What Threatens Your Child!

Ask anyone what is considered childhood's most serious disease and 10 to 1 that you'll get the answer—"poliomyelitis"—"diphtheria"—"scarlet fever!"

Well—they all would be wrong, and the few who would say "whooping cough" would be right.

Take a look at the table below—it gives the facts in figures which cannot be disputed.

Facts About The Killing Diseases! Case and death statistics for five-year period 1943-48.

	Deaths	Cases
1-Whooping Cough.....	1,519	69,740
2-Diphtheria.....	1,522	13,764
3-Scarlet Fever.....	468	75,900
4-Poliomyelitis.....	427	7,498

It is interesting to note that whooping cough and diphtheria, both of which are preventable, topped the deaths column, whereas poliomyelitis, a disease about which much remains to be learned and for which no preventive has been found, was fourth in the list.

An editorial in "Canada's Health and Welfare", published by the Department of National Health and Welfare, comments that "medical science admittedly lacks many answers where diseases like poliomyelitis are concerned. But medical science has the answers for diphtheria and whooping cough. Yet more lives were lost from each of these diseases than from poliomyelitis. This shameful situation can only be remedied by public education."

AND, such education is being carried on by the Health League of Canada, a voluntary association. The Health League strives to impress the public that medical science has provided the means to wipe out certain preventable diseases—that it is up to the public to voluntarily make use of such means.

POLIO... Admittedly poliomyelitis is a serious disease, but for fear, nothing can be done about preventing it. Meanwhile, however, something can be done about diseases which are creating more havoc than poliomyelitis—they can be wiped out by compulsory immunization, but only with the full co-operation of the public.

It would appear therefore, that the annual poliomyelitis "scare" are out of proportion as far as the death-dealing diseases are concerned, particularly in view of the fact that the other more-serious diseases evidently create no public apprehension at all. After all, death is just as dramatic in one form as in another—and just as real and heart-breaking to the family which suffers the loss of a loved one.

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FOLLOWS MAN
The rat has followed man all over the world and probably will accompany him to the moon, when and